

Remarks

Claims 1 and 14 which stand withdrawn from consideration have been canceled.

Claim 15 remains in the case.

Claim 15 has been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,388,047 in view of Casey et al, LeBoeuf or Kim et al. Enclosed is a terminal disclaimer and associated fee, disclaiming the term extending beyond the date of the full statutory term of prior Patent No. 6,388,047. Reconsideration is requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on November 3, 2004, meeting the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (b)(3). This is set forth online as part of the Image File Wrapper. Consideration of the documents enclosed therewith and transmittal of initialed PTO-1449 to reflect this, is requested.

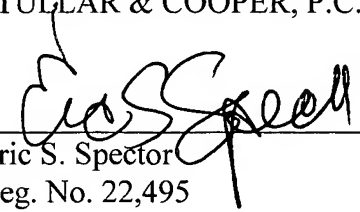
An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith to bring to the attention of the Patent Office, documents cited in the Search Report of 10/25/04 for the corresponding European application.

Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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